

Peddie, Milton Academy, Pingry School, St. George's, Seton Hall Prep and Science High. The school encourages these students from Newark neighborhoods to reach for the stars. Not only are they outstanding students and performers, they learn to be good citizens with a respect for their community and their environment.

Mr. Speaker, these outstanding youngsters represent the best and brightest of a new generation. Please join me in honoring them as they make their debut at the Kennedy Center.

HONORING THE LATE SGT.
CHRISTOPHER RYAN LAIR

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, on May 18, 2001 Sergeant Christopher Ryan Lair of Parachute, Colorado died before his time. The 22-year-old Marine died in a civilian aircraft near San Diego, California. I stand before Congress to ask that we all pause a moment in honor of Sgt. Lair.

Chris was born in Wheatridge, Colorado in 1979. Chris and his family moved to Parachute, where he graduated from Grand Valley High School in 1997. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, where he was Crew Chief in VMLA-169, a Huey/Cobra helicopter squadron.

On May 1, 2001, Chris was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. During his enlistment, Chris had been awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Flying was his greatest joy. He grew up around airports as his parents owned and operated an avionics shop at Garfield County Airport. He received his pilot's license at the age of 18 and completed his multi-engine certificate in May 2001. He flew every opportunity he had and his goal was to become a commercial pilot after serving in the military.

Mr. Speaker, Sgt. Christopher Lair was truly one of our 'few good men'. It's a tragedy that he died so young and at something he loved to do. I ask that Congress pause a moment to honor him and thank him for his service to our country.

IN HONOR OF THE SISTERS
SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate on the 25th anniversary of its Ministry to the Aged in the Diocese of Cleveland on this 26th day of May.

Though the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate came to Cleveland in 1976, they were founded over 100 years ago in Poland. The Sisters were founded on the principles of apostolic works and have given their time self-

lessly to the sick, aged, forgotten, and lonely. Their ministry eventually expanded to the United States, and a headquarters was built in Maryland where the Sisters established and managed a home for the sick and elderly.

After arrival in Cleveland, the Sisters quickly clarified their purpose and mission: to minister to the spiritual needs of the elderly of the Polish families and their corporal needs as far as possible; and to educate the families and the community to understand the needs of the elderly and to recognize their respective responsibilities to the elderly.

The Sisters have done just that and so much more. The Sisters current work is their Special Ministry to the Aged under the auspices of Catholic Charities. This ministry provides and arranges for basic human needs such as food, shelter, health care, and social services. The ministry is staffed by five sisters with professional backgrounds in nursing, social work, and occupational therapy, 24 hours a day. The Sisters have also developed a "Phone Companion Reassurance Program" where volunteers are trained and connected to homebound elderly who have little or no family support.

The Sisters have served Cleveland selflessly and are an incredible asset to the entire community. They have come to serve and be a presence to many poor and frail elderly. Please join me in honoring the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate on this very special occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. WEINER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on Monday, May 21, 2001, and I would like the RECORD to indicate how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 126, the resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, I would have voted "yea."

For rollcall vote No. 127, the Section 245(i) Extension Act, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING A MAN OF GREAT
ABILITY JAMES E. HAUN—AN
EXEMPLARY LIFE AND MAN

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to talk about an exceptional man in my district, James E. Haun. Jim has served as an electrician for 40 years, with unwavering dedication. Throughout his outstanding career, Jim has demonstrated remarkable ability not only to perform the duties of an electrician but also to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors. He was born in Harriman, Tennessee on November 16, 1935 and moved his family to Oak Ridge, Tennessee where he graduated from the Oak Ridge High School in

1955. He enlisted in the United States Air Force following graduation and served four years as a jet engine technician. He also served a tour of duty in French Morocco.

Following his discharge, Jim decided to enter the electrical field. Terrell Electric hired him in September of 1959, as an Electrician's Helper. Jim became a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 175 located in my district. He served a five-year apprenticeship and graduated as an Inside Wireman in 1966. Because of his outstanding abilities, he was offered a position as a 2nd Year Instructor with the Apprenticeship School and he remained in that position until he accepted the position of School Training Director in 1992. Jim has served Local 175 in many capacities including the title of Treasurer from January 1992 to October 1992 and held membership on the I.B.E.W. Credit Union Committee.

Jim's dedication to his family, country, community and his profession is exemplary of the type of character and spirit he possesses. He is truly a remarkable man. I am very honored to represent Jim Haun in the Third Congressional District of Tennessee.

Mr. Speaker, I am honoring Jim Haun today in honor of his retirement from a full life well lived. On behalf of a very proud district, I extend to him my very best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE ARNOLD ENGI-
NEERING DEVELOPMENT CEN-
TER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VAN HILLEARY

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. HILLEARY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the United States Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center at Arnold Air Force Base, Tennessee, which celebrates its 50th Anniversary on June 25, 2001.

The test center is named after 5-star General Henry 'Hap' Arnold, World War II commander of the Army Air Corps, and the father of the United States Air Force. In 1944, General Arnold asked Dr. Theodore von Karman to form a scientific advisory group to chart a long-range research and development program for the Air Force. After World War II, members of this group visited Germany to view its research and development facilities. They were disturbed to find that the German scientists were years ahead of the United States in the development of aerospace technology. Fortunately for us, Germany had made these technological advances too late in the war, and had to surrender before it could take full advantage of them. Even today, it is chilling to think what might have happened if the Axis powers had been able to hold out just a little longer.

General Arnold knew that America was unlikely to be that fortunate again, and determined that in order to keep America's Air Force prepared to fight and win our nation's wars, we needed a first class flight simulation test facility. In 1949, Congress authorized \$100 million for the construction of such a facility at the Army's old Camp Forrest between Tullahoma and Manchester, Tennessee. On June 25, 1951, President Harry S. Truman